

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—No contract has been entered into. Government of India wanted gold and we have agreed to give it.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—May I know whether the State Government is getting the rate at which the gold is being sold by the Government of India?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The Government of India is not selling the gold; it is being kept as a reserve.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—What are the terms and conditions under which the State Government have agreed to hand over gold to the Government of India?

(*No answer*)

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—What prevented the Mysore Government from selling the gold produced in the K.G.F. in the open market?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—When we are getting the market price and when the Government of India wants gold to keep it as a reserve, it is in the national interest to hand it over to the Government of India.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Am I to take it that the State Government gets a higher rate than the market?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—We are getting the most advantageous rate as compared to the bullion rate.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Has the State Government suffered any loss on account of this?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I have already stated that we are getting a better price than the bullion price at Bombay

Extension of Benefit of Retirement Age Limit of the Primary School Teachers in Old Mysore to the Integrated Areas.

*Q.—31. **Sri H. V. KOJALGI** (Sampagaon I).

Will the Government be pleased to state:

whether the rules of retirement at the age 58 applicable to primary school

teachers, now in force in the old Mysore State would be made applicable to primary school teachers of the integrated areas with a view to have a uniform policy?

A.—**Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI** (Minister for Education).—

No.

Sri H. V. KOJALGI.—Why is this exception made in the case of primary school teachers of the integrated areas only when the policy of the Government is to have a uniform policy?

†**Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.**—In fact, we have a uniform policy now.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know whether there is any proposal before the Government to have a uniform policy regarding the age of retirement of primary teachers?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—In the M.C.S.R. there is rule 95 (a) under which the age of retirement is fixed as 55.

Benefits of Pension to the Primary School Teachers in the State.

*Q.—32. **Sri H. V. KOJALGI** (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they propose to grant the benefits of pension to the primary school teachers in the entire State; (b) if so, from what date?

A.—**Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI** (Minister for Education).—

(a) The primary school teachers in Government Schools are having these benefits already. The question of extending similar benefits to such teachers in non-Government schools involves financial considerations and will be examined.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(*No supplementaries were put.*)